

**BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET  
HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER**

<b>AGENDA REVIEW</b>	01/07/2015
<b>BOARD MEETING</b>	01/20/2015
<b>SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT</b>	All Supervisorial District
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	Mental Health
<b>SUBJECT</b>	Approval to Amend Six Existing Enhanced Emergency Shelter Program for Transition-Age Youth Agreements for Fiscal Years 2014-15, 2015-16, and 2016-17
<b>PROGRAM</b>	Transition Age Youth Division (TAY)
<b>DEADLINES</b>	N/A
<b>COST &amp; FUNDING</b>	<p>The total cost of the ESS Program for FY 2014-15, is \$1,078,853 to be fully funded with State MHSA revenue.</p> <p>This requested action will amend the six agreements to increase the nightly rate for temporary emergency shelter beds and enhanced basic living support services to up to \$121.00 per night for TAY and up to 50 percent of the night rate for TAY for approved minor children TAY with a two (2) child maximum. Temporary emergency shelter beds are purchased on an “as needed” basis, up to the total aggregate payment for all agreements of \$1,078,853 for each FY. The agreements do not contain a contract dollar amount and the County does not guarantee a specific number of client referrals or funding amount to a contractor. Funding for this Agreement is included in the FY 2014-15 DMH Adopted Budget. Funding for future FYs will be incorporated into the budget through DMH’s annual budget request process.</p> <p>There is no increase in net County cost associated with these actions.</p>
<b>PURPOSE OF REQUEST</b>	Request approval to amend six existing Enhanced Emergency Shelter Program for Transition-Age Youth Agreements to: (1) increase the nightly rate; (2) amend the Statement of Work; and (3) amend the Fee Schedule to reflect additional services.
<b>SUMMARY/ ISSUES</b>  (Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best use; prior accomplishments; and for BLs involving contracts, also note changes to the contract term.)	<p>Approval of the recommended actions ensures that the current daily capacity of 44 EES Program temporary emergency shelter beds and enhanced basic living support services is maintained for homeless Seriously Emotionally Disturbed (SED)/Severe and Persistently Mentally III (SPMI) TAY.</p> <p>The current EES Program contractors provided a ‘mini cost report’ to the Department of Mental Health (DMH) outlining actual costs associated with their program. The contractors submitted nightly rates based on their actual costs which ranged from \$96.00 to \$121.00. Based on DMH’s analysis, it was determined that the current nightly rate was insufficient to cover actual expenses incurred by the contractors to provide sufficient services and supports to TAY clients. The rate increase to a maximum of \$121.00 per night will assist the EES Program to maintain its current contractors and may, possibly, increase capacity by bringing on new service providers.</p> <p>The increase in the nightly rate will also enable contractors to provide additional enhanced supportive services and programming. The SOW was revised to reflect additional services (Life Skills Counseling and Healthy Living Group services) which enable TAY to develop skills that increase self-sufficiency and independence. Attachment II provides the maximum nightly rate each contractor has identified to provide the additional services. The rate for any future Agreements with eligible, qualified agencies will be set at \$96.00 per night and cost analyses will occur on an annual basis to ensure that the rates are sufficient to cover the costs for services and supports.</p>

	Board approval of the proposed actions will maintain and improve upon referral and linkage to mental health services and supports for the priority population of SED/SPMI TAY through the EES Program to obtain temporary emergency shelter and other necessary services and supports.
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